

A Letter... ... To My Son

By Tom Rische
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Dear Bruce,
If Dad seems a little edgier than usual these days, it's because that silly season is here again. It is the time of year when seniors, visions of diplomas dancing in their heads, get a disease known as "Senioritis," a condition which strikes usually during the month or two before graduation.

After 13 years of toil (more or less), something strange happens to many seniors. They can't wait to prove themselves out in the "real world," while on the other hand, the enormity of that step scares them silly. They realize that the practice sessions are over, and the game of life is about to begin. They will stand or fall on their own merits, without cuddling from the folks, the schools, or even the law.

Riding this riptide of emotions, seniors alternate between Cloud 9 and Tunnel 9—at various times happy, scared, sad, slap-happy, apathetic, profound, childish, affectionate, angry or solitary. One moment you think adulthood is finally here; the next, he's acting like a five-year-old.

Part of this malady involves an unfortunate tendency to do stupid things, some of which could have far-reaching results:

Cutting classes ("They wouldn't dare flunk me now, after 12 years")

Stopping schoolwork ("I've already been accepted in college")

Vandalism ("I'm going to get even for all those years of suffering")

or... Wild parties ("Just one last fling to remember")

Sadly, the net result of this lapse may be to leave a bad last impression in everybody's minds—classmates' and teacher's alike. After all, the most lasting impressions are the first and last ones.

When you become a senior, Bruce, I hope you finish like a champion, not like a chump.

Make all your memories good ones,
Your dad



VACATION BOOSTERS... A quartet of KHJ personalities this week joined Better Foods Markets and Hawaiian Pineapple Growers to inaugurate a "win a Hawaiian vacation" sweepstakes. Shown here promoting the contest are (from left) Wayne Thomas, program host; Allan Mollis, news chief; Ted Mayers, movie host; and Jack Denton, host of "On the Scene." Contest rules are available at any Better Foods Market.

Scientists Hope to Solve 'Mysteries of the Mouth'

(This is one of a series of articles on dental health prepared by the Harbor Dental Society, an affiliate of the American Dental Association.)

In university and government laboratories across the country, thousands of research men from many fields of science are seeking to solve the mysteries of the mouth.

Bacteriologists and embryologists, physiologists and biochemists, pharmacologists and physicists are among the research workers who are scientifically examining dental diseases and disorders—to find out why we have them and to devise better ways to cope with them.

HERE ARE some of the unsolved mysteries on which they work and on which progress is being made:

• **Dental Decay.** How precisely do mouth bacteria cause decay and which ones are primarily responsible? Could a vaccine be devised to prevent decay? Studies are underway to find out why some people are immune to decay and others decay-prone. Scientists are investigating whether small amounts of certain minerals can be added to a person's diet to strengthen teeth. They're also investigating use of electric current to speed the tooth's own action in protecting itself from decay.

• **Periodontal Disease.** Most tooth loss among adults is caused by the wasting away of the bone and gums that anchor the teeth in the mouth. A prime villain: Calculus. Today, the only treatment is to remove calculus. But how does it form and how might it be prevented?

• **Saliva.** In some people,

saliva sometimes causes tooth enamel to dissolve or starts the formation of calculus. What is the cause of such dental disharmony?

• **Cleft Palate.** The dentist is now serving as part of a health team, including speech therapist, physician and psychologist in correcting the problems of harelip and cleft palate. New devices and techniques are now being discovered to facilitate the rehabilitation of these patients.

• **Oral Cancer.** Early discovery of this disease is of vital importance for successful recovery. One new detection method, called oral cytology, is being used in many communities. Under this method, a smear of the oral cavity is taken much like the Pap smear for cervical cancer, and the smear sample is then microscopically examined for possible cancer.

It is a quick, painless and accurate method of early cancer detection and will probably become a routine part of any dental examination.

• **Dental Materials.** Scientists are experimenting with new adhesive cements and filling materials, trying to develop some which would prevent leakage around fillings, thus eliminating recurring tooth decay.

• **What new dental tools** might be developed—to do the work faster, more effectively and with even less discomfort than is now possible?

• **OUT OF today's laboratories** are coming the new materials and new methods of dentistry. Yet the riddles of the mouth are many—standing unsolved between us and the realization of good oral health for everyone. One of man's oldest diseases and one of the most prevalent continues to challenge us.

In this country, we spend about \$45 million for dental research and education and for public dental health programs, including fluoridation. Less than 25 cents a person. Not very much when it's stacked against a national yearly dental bill of \$2.5 billion—an average of \$13.25 a person. Not very much to save our teeth.

MORE MONEY must be spent for dental research, and more public support must be won if funds are to be obtained. In fact, dental authorities believe the main problem is public lack of awareness of the disturbingly high degree of oral disease.

As one dental scientist put it recently, oral disease is not a "spectacular killer and lacks dramatic public appeal." Yet it is a major disability, affecting nearly everyone.

We can never produce enough dentists to repair the damage caused by oral diseases at the rate they occur today. We must strive instead to prevent them. That is the purpose of dental research.

Mobil Chief Says

Smogless Piston Engines Will Beat Electric Autos

Chairman Albert L. Nickerson told shareholders of Mobil Oil Corporation at their annual meeting this week that the company believes the gasoline-powered, piston-engine automobile will be made essentially pollution-free before electric cars can be made practical.

The most nearly practical electric car that could be built today, Nickerson said, would probably be smaller than present-day compacts, would be able to travel not more than 50 miles without recharging, and would require several hours to recharge. It would have a top speed of 40 miles an hour, and probably would cost at \$1,000 more than present-day small cars.

In contrast to this, he continued, research is proceeding to make the piston engine, "with all of its convenience, high performance characteristics, and relatively low cost, virtually pollution-free."

THE SPEAKER cited the agreement recently announced between Ford Motor Company and Mobil to work toward improvements in today's "very efficient" automobile-and-fuel system. He said the goal of this agreement, involving a \$7 million research program, is to develop a system that "will eliminate substantially all of the pollution caused by automobiles."

"Our specific objective," he asserted, "is to achieve markedly lower pollution levels than the standards California has proposed for 1970, which is the toughest anywhere."

Nickerson added that "this cooperative effort between these companies is in no way incompatible with their respective competitive efforts. As a matter of fact, neither Ford nor Mobil will limit its research and development work on automotive pollution to this joint venture."

Rawleigh Warner Jr., president of Mobil Oil, told the shareholders that the company's capital and exploration outlays of more than \$2.5 billion

over the past five years has improved Mobil's competitive position markedly.

HE SAID Mobil's North American production of crude oil and natural gas liquids in the past five years had increased nearly twice as fast as that of the industry as a whole, and well over twice as fast as Mobil's refinery runs and petroleum product sales in this part of the world. Despite this accelerating production, he declared, the company's proven reserves in this continent had risen to an all-time high.

Overseas, the president continued, crude oil production increased 70 per cent between 1961 and 1966.

"We are in at least as good balance as any of our competitors in supply and demand in the areas East and West of the Suez Canal," he said. "Mobil's large proved crude reserves abroad are still climbing, with greater diversity of types and sources of crude oil than most of our major competitors."

WARNER CITED Mobil's improved rate of return on capital employed as the best measure of the success of the company's investment program. Return on shareholders' average equity worldwide has increased by a fourth in the past five years, he asserted.

ed—from 8 per cent to 10 per cent. In North America, the improvement was even sharper—from 5.2 per cent in 1961 to 8.7 per cent in 1966, "due in no small part to the increased production of liquid hydrocarbons."

"Mobil's unbroken increase in return on shareholders' equity from 1961 through 1966," he added, "was unique among the international oil companies. . . . Mobil's net income increased by an average of 11 per cent a year in the five years through 1966, which is better than any other major international oil company did over the same span of time."

WARNER projected U.S. oil demand in 1977 at a level over 25 per cent higher than this year, and Free World demand overseas nearly 90 per cent higher 10 years from now. He said Mobil proposed to grow at a faster rate than the industry and intended to make this "planned, profitable growth."

This was Mobil Oil's first shareholder meeting outside New York. Chairman Nickerson pointed out that Mobil has more shareholders in California than in any other state west of Pennsylvania, and that "about one out of every 10 of the company's shareholders lives in this part of the country."

Supervisors Adjourn in Honor of Dr. Kurt Shery

County Supervisors have honored the memory of Dr. Kurt T. Shery, Torrance Unified School District trustee, who died May 9.

On motion of Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the board adjourned its meeting last Tuesday in honor of Dr. Shery.

Dr. Shery served his community in an outstanding fashion in the more than six years he held office," Chace said.

Dr. Shery, 58, was a prominent Torrance physician. He came to America from his native Germany and had lived in Torrance for 22 years.

He served as chief of staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital, was a member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, and recently was named to the Casa Loma College Convocation in Pacoima.

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Does David Jones of 'The Monkees' have a double?"

No. He just moves faster than the rest. It gives the impression that there's more than one of him.

"Why does Jo Ann Castle jump her feet up and down all the time she plays the piano on the Lawrence Welk Show?"

Lawrence likes it that way. There's even a rumor that the piano, the keys, the bench and the floor are artificially heated to keep her moving during her numbers.

"I am so mad about 'Batman'—that is, I'm mad because it is going off the air."

Only half of it is going to disappear next fall. The Thursday night segment will remain to thrill the faithful each week. In addition, Batman and Robin will be joined by—guess what? BATGIRL! The producers thought it was time the dynamic duo started dating somebody else.

"What's happened to Barbara Streisand?"

Motherhood. And, in addition, she has just taped a third television special which will be shown on CBS next fall. Her first TV appearance since last year's "Color Me Barbara" will be on the Ed Sullivan Show May 14. Her next TV special has a Gay Nineties music hall setting.

"This girl 'Twiggy' seems to represent the farthest we can get from the Marilyn Monroe ideal. If we are to take her seriously, as the start of a trend, we're getting awfully close to the boy next door. After 'Twiggy,' what can we expect?"

How about Mia Farrow? She has the figure for it. 20-20-20 and she's getting the Big Build Up these days. She also looks like Twiggy. No one has seen her perform except in "Peyton Place" close-ups. (All the action is from the neck up in "Peyton Place.") Her movie, "Dandy in Aspic," will demonstrate what she can do from the neck down. She may be good.

"Every news and docu-

mentary program that deals in young people today shows only the hippies, the long-hairs and the peace demonstrators. I'm a member of their generation but I'm not an oddball like them and neither are my friends. These programs are interesting but they do a great injustice to American youth because the public gets the viewpoint of one small group but never the whole. And let me tell you that young America is lively and inquisitive but not queer."

You are right. It is high time they made TV shows and movies about the young people who are proud to join the service and fulfill their obligations, the ones who are attending college and working to make something decent of their lives. The public has just as much right to be informed about them because they're the ones in whose hands the future of this country rests. It is little wonder that adults feel the young generation has gone down the drain. All they have seen is the curious fringe.

"I hear that Jim Arness, the star of 'Gunsmoke,' has a brother. Is he an actor?"

Yes. His name is Peter Graves. He's been in movies since 1950 ("Rogue River") and has starred in a recent television series ("Court Martial"). Next season he will replace Steven Hill as the bossman on television's "Mission Impossible."

Summer Class Will Feature Swim Lessons

A learn-to-swim program will be included in a Summer Enrichment Day Camp program to be sponsored by the Gardena Christian School, 1473 W. 182nd St.

Other features of the program are films, storytelling, arts and crafts, and field trips.

The 10-week program will get under way June 19. The school is sponsored by the Bethesda Assembly of God Church.

New Officers Installed By Riviera Moose Lodge

Wesley Hayes, of 26130 Delois Drive, has been installed as governor of the Riviera Moose Lodge. Installing officers were Ernest Aringdale of Inglewood, deputy grand North Moose, and Earl Harold of Santa Monica, district president.

Hayes and his wife have three children. He has served as secretary of the lodge and last year was junior governor.

He is a native of Illinois and came to Torrance in 1959. Hayes is employed by Pacific Telephone Co. and is a veteran of the Submarine Service in World War II.

Other officers of the Riviera Moose Lodge are Lawrence J. Herres, junior governor; Larry Gallant, prelate; Henry Webb, secretary; Joseph Dumont, treasurer; Richard Harnes, trustee; Wesley Muzik, sergeant-at-arms; and Walter Holmes, guard.

Retiring governor Robert Miller was installed as the junior past governor.

MEET TOMORROW

The Lomita Traffic Commission will convene at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Lomita City Hall, 25332 Narbonne Ave., for a regular meeting.

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